

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1338
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 5, strike “chair” and substitute “co-chairs”; in line 9, after “programs,” insert “and”; in the same line, strike the third comma; in line 10, strike “and convene certain groups annually”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 12 down through “circumstances;” in line 13 and substitute “providing for the termination of this Act;”; and strike in their entirety lines 15 through 20, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 22, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”; and after line 22, insert:

“(a) There is a Prince George’s County Juvenile Court and School Safety Workgroup.

(b) The Workgroup consists of the following members:

(1) the Chair of the Prince George’s County Delegation to the House of Delegates, or the Chair’s designee;

(2) the Chair of the Prince George’s County Delegation to the Senate, or the Chair’s designee;

(3) the Chair of the Prince George’s County Council, or the Chair’s designee;

(4) a representative from the Prince George’s County Police Department, appointed by the Prince George’s County Chief of Police;

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(5) a representative from Prince George's County Public Schools, appointed by the Superintendent of Prince George's County Public Schools;

(6) a representative from the Prince George's County Office of the Sheriff, appointed by the Sheriff of Prince George's County;

(7) a representative from the Department of Juvenile Services appointed to the Prince George's County region, appointed by the Secretary of Juvenile Services;

(8) a representative from the Office of the Public Defender serving District 5 who works in the Juvenile Protection Division, appointed by the District Public Defender;

(9) a representative from the Office of the State's Attorney for Prince George's County who works in the Juvenile Division, appointed by the Prince George's County State's Attorney;

(10) a member of the Prince George's County School Board, appointed by the chair of the School Board;

(11) a school psychologist working in Prince George's County, appointed by the President of the Maryland School Psychologists' Association;

(12) the Director of Security Services for Prince George's County Public Schools; and

(13) the following members appointed by the Prince George's County Executive:

(i) a representative from the Commission for Children, Youth and Families (Local Management Board); and

(ii) a representative of the Prince George's County Department of Family Services.

(c) The Prince George's County Executive shall designate two co-chairs of the Workgroup.

(d) The Department of Juvenile Services shall provide staff for the Workgroup.

(e) A member of the Workgroup:

(1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Workgroup; but

(2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(f) The Workgroup shall:

(1) review and analyze school arrest and referral data collected by the Department of Juvenile Services and the Prince George's County school system and based on that data, identify the most common offenses for which students are arrested and referred to juvenile court;

(2) recommend interagency policies to reduce the number of school-based arrests and referrals for certain misdemeanor offenses to the Department of Juvenile Services and the juvenile court by diverting more youth to school- and community-based programs, with the goal to decrease the overrepresentation of African American youth in the juvenile justice system;

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(3) recommend strategies to utilize more fully current resources and expand school- and community-based support services for youth who exhibit behavior problems in school;

(4) recommend a criteria-based, decision making process for referring students to school- or community-based programs and services instead of to the juvenile justice system for misdemeanor-type delinquent acts involving offenses identified by the Workgroup;

(5) recommend criteria for diversion programs developed for juveniles who have been charged with less serious delinquent acts and who the juvenile court believe would benefit from community alternatives in lieu of probation or commitment to the Department of Juvenile Services;

(6) hold at least two public meetings before October 1, 2013, during which the Workgroup seeks testimony from the public and juvenile advocacy groups; and

(7) develop a Collaborative Action Plan to reduce the number of school-based arrests and referrals to the juvenile court.

(g) On or before December 15, 2013, the Workgroup shall report its findings, action plan, and recommendations to the Prince George's County Delegation."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On pages 1 through 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 23 on page 1 through line 22 on page 4, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 4, in line 24, after "2013." insert "It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 7 months and, at the end of December 31, 2014, with no further action

required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.